

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Thomas J. Lett
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Appln. No.: 10/760,296)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1290
Filed: January 21, 2004)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
AND CONTROL METHOD FOR	:	
THE SAME)	October 9, 2007

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents, together with English-language abstracts thereof, are enclosed.

The listed foreign documents were cited in an Office Action in a Japanese counterpart application. The listed U.S. patents are counterparts to the listed foreign documents.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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